GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:319
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
UTILIZATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT FUND
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have to spent more than Rs. 50,000 crore for road building activities/highways in the country under the National Highways Development Fund (NHDF);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his ministry has utilised the earlier amount of Rs. 2500 crore provided under the NHDF; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 319 FOR ANSWE 13TH AUGUST, 2001 ASKED BY SHRI P.S. GADHAVI REGARDING UTILIZATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEVELOP FUND.

(a)&(b) Presumably the Hon`ble Member is referring to National Highways Development Project (NHDP) under which the Governmen has undertaken 4/6 laning in 13252 km of National Highways consisting of Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) connecting the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkatahaving a length of 5952 km as well as North-South and East-West corridors (NS/EW) connecting Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir with Kanyakumari and Silchar with Porbandar having a length of 7300 km.The total estimated cost of NHDP is Rs. 54,000 crore.

(c) Total grants made to NHAI during the last 5 years is Rs. 5060 crore while the expenditure made is Rs. 2815 crore.

(d) The projects in the initial stages require less funds. Now, the expenditure has picked up and during the year 2001-2002 anticipated expenditure is about Rs. 5000 crore.